




WHAT
ARE YOU?

AN ICE ELF?

Solo Leveling

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I SENSE
A MULTITUDE OF
SOLDIERS WITHIN
YOUR SHADOW...



MONARCH OF
SHADOWS...

WHY DIDN'T YOU
CONTACT US DESPITE
GATHERING AN ARMY
OF THAT SIZE?



THE ICE ELF HE HAD
FAILED TO EXTRACT
A SHADOW FROM.





BLAST





IS HE A
MAGE TYPE?




ZZZ+

ZZ+




...THAT'S ENOUGH FOR
TODAY. I'M NOT HERE TO
FIGHT WITH MY LIFE ON
THE LINE.





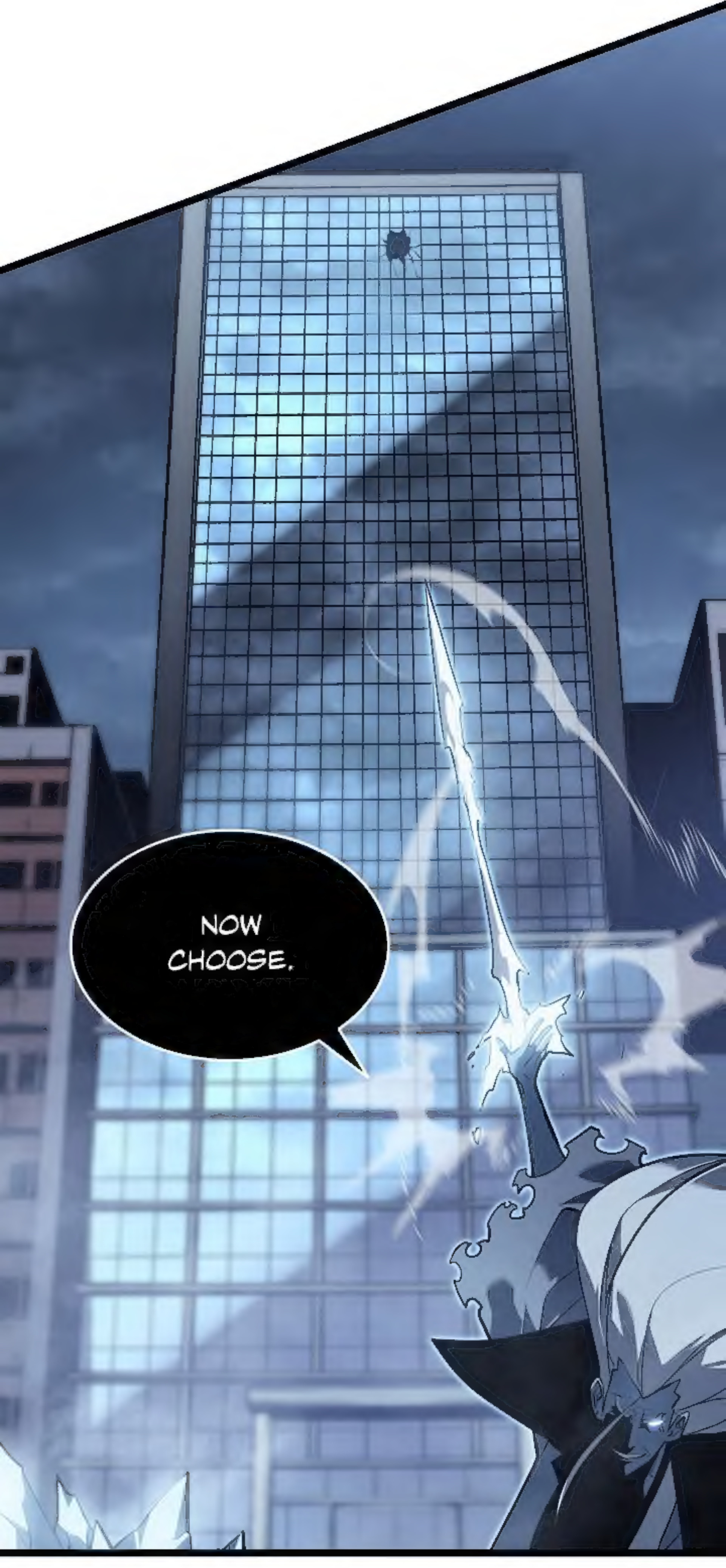
WHAT?

AREN'T YOU HERE
TO RESCUE THAT
HUMAN?



HUMAN?
COME TO THINK OF
IT, THIS IS THE ANT
I ASSIGNED TO THE
CHAIRMAN... DON'T
TELL ME!





NOW
CHOOSE.



FIGHT AGAINST ME,
OR RESCUE THAT
HUMAN.



[SKILL: 'THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY'
HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]



SWISH

[YOUR OPPONENT'S MANA IS RESISTANT TO
THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY.]

CLANG





LEAP

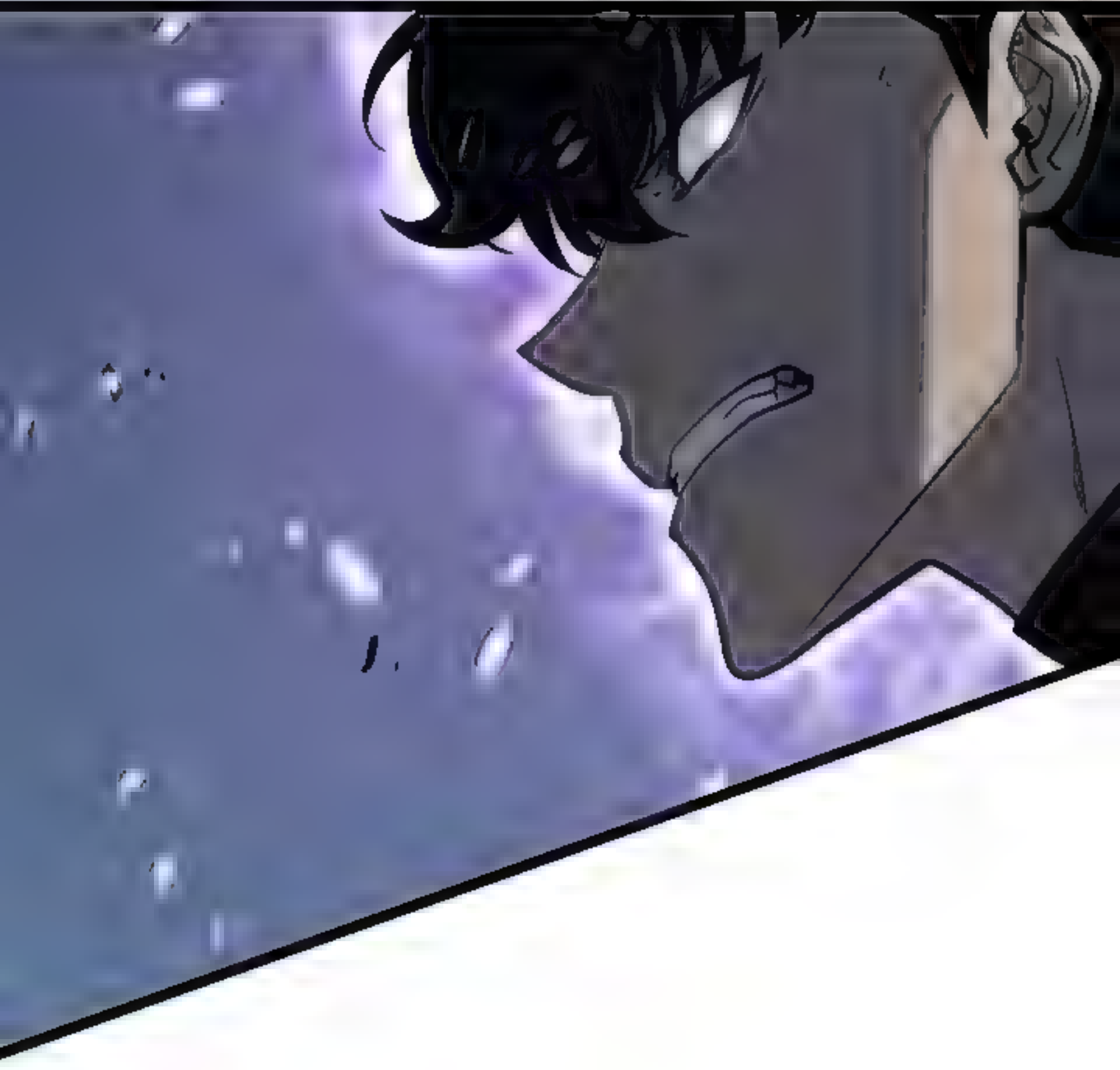
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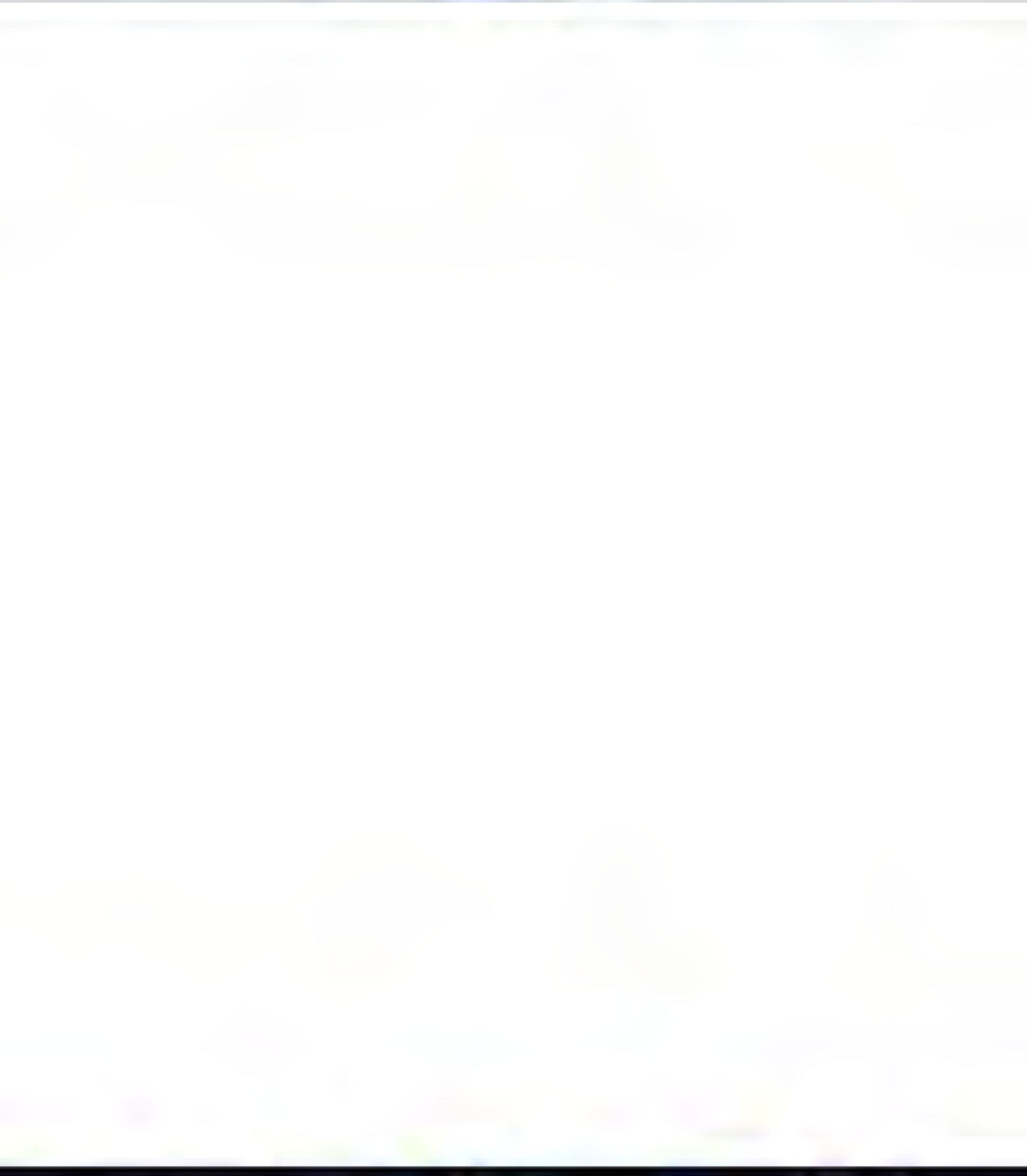














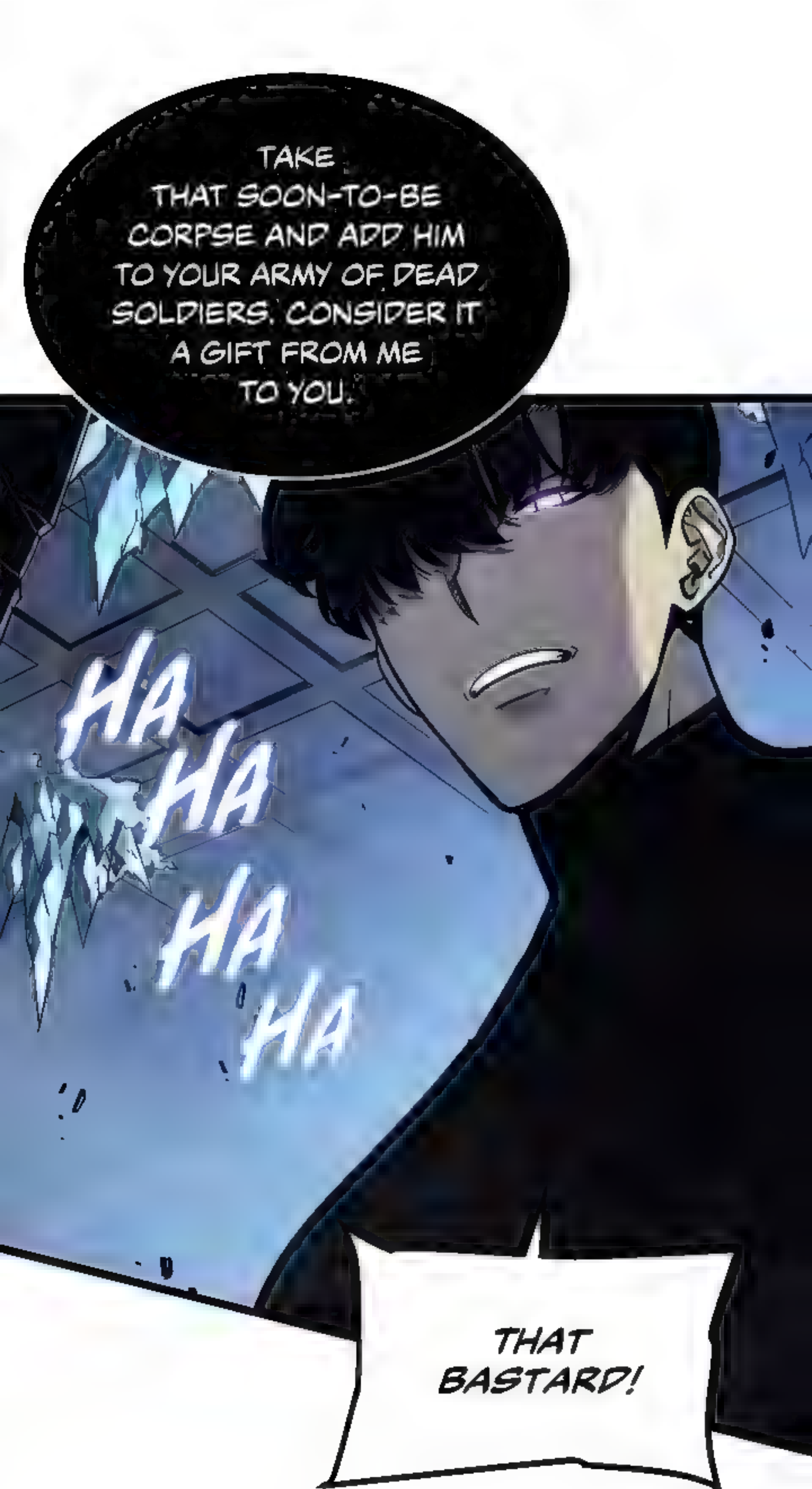


A MERE VESSEL
ACTUALLY MANAGED TO
INFLICT A WOUND
ON ME.

VERY WELL!

SHWWP

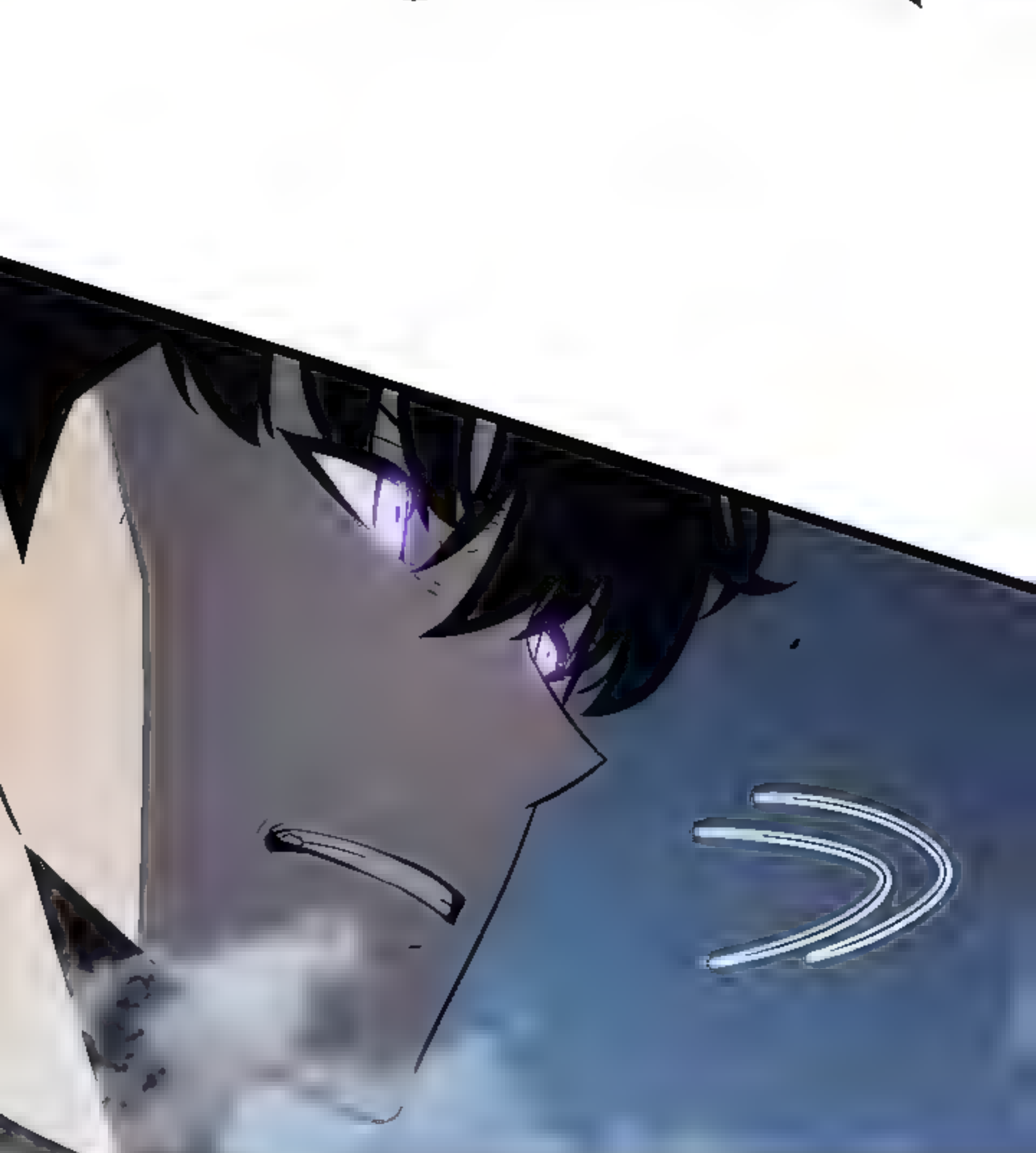
I, THE MONARCH
OF FROST, WILL RETREAT
FOR NOW AND WAIT FOR
THE DAY YOUR SHADOW
OPENS UP ONCE
MORE.



TAKE
THAT SOON-TO-BE
CORPSE AND ADD HIM
TO YOUR ARMY OF DEAD
SOLDIERS. CONSIDER IT
A GIFT FROM ME
TO YOU.

HA
HA
HA
HA

THAT
BASTARD!



DID I NOT SENSE
ANYTHING UNTIL NOW
BECAUSE OF THE
BARRIER...?



DAMN IT...!

XXXXXXXXXX

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IT'S TOO LATE
FOR A HEALING
POTION.



BERU!!



YOU CALLED,
MY KING?

SHOOM

SAVE HIM,
AT ALL COSTS!



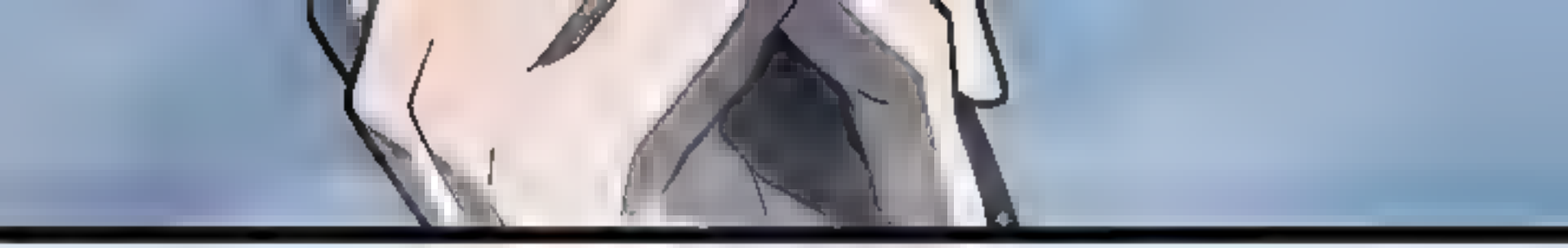
MY KING.

MY HEALING
SPELL... ISN'T
WORKING.

HUFF

HUFF

THAT'S RIGHT,
THE HOLY WATER OF
LIFE MIGHT BE ABLE
TO...!



...DON'T...



CHAIRMAN?!

...YOU
CAME FOR ME.
THANK YOU.



PLEASE
HANG IN THERE.
I'LL TAKE YOU TO
THE HOSPITAL.

IT'S NO USE...

THERE'S NOTHING A HUMAN
CAN DO ABOUT THE POWER
THAT ATTACKED ME.

I CAME FACE TO
FACE WITH THE WILL OF
A SUPREME BEING.

THEIR PLAN,
OUR REMAINING
FOES AS WELL
AS THEIRS...

THE THINGS WE
MUST DO...

MR. GO!!



I'M GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR EXISTENCE... WHAT
A TREMENDOUS
RELIEF.

WHO WOULD'VE
THOUGHT YOU'D
POSSESS SUCH
POWERS...?



THANK YOU,
GOD...

Turns out
the gates and
dungeons weren't
for them.

It's how they
chose to protect
us, Khoff...



Someday...
you'll have to make
a decision.



But when that
day comes...

...Please
continue to stand
on the side of
humanity.



KHOFF,
I WANTED TO FIGHT
ALONGSIDE YOUNG
HUNTERS LIKE
YOU.

BUT...

...THAT WAS NEVER
GOING TO HAPPEN.
NOT WITH A BODY
LIKE THIS.

STILL, I NO
LONGER HAVE ANY
REGRETS...

...SINCE I CAN
LEAVE THE REST
IN THE HANDS OF
THE YOUNGER
GENERATION.

AFTER TENS AND
THOUSANDS OF
HEARTBEATS...

I KNEW I DIDN'T
HAVE MUCH TIME
LEFT.

BUT EVEN SO, MY HEART
MUST HAVE KEPT BEATING
NO MATTER HOW WEAK
THE PULSE...

...SO THAT I COULD
MEET YOU.

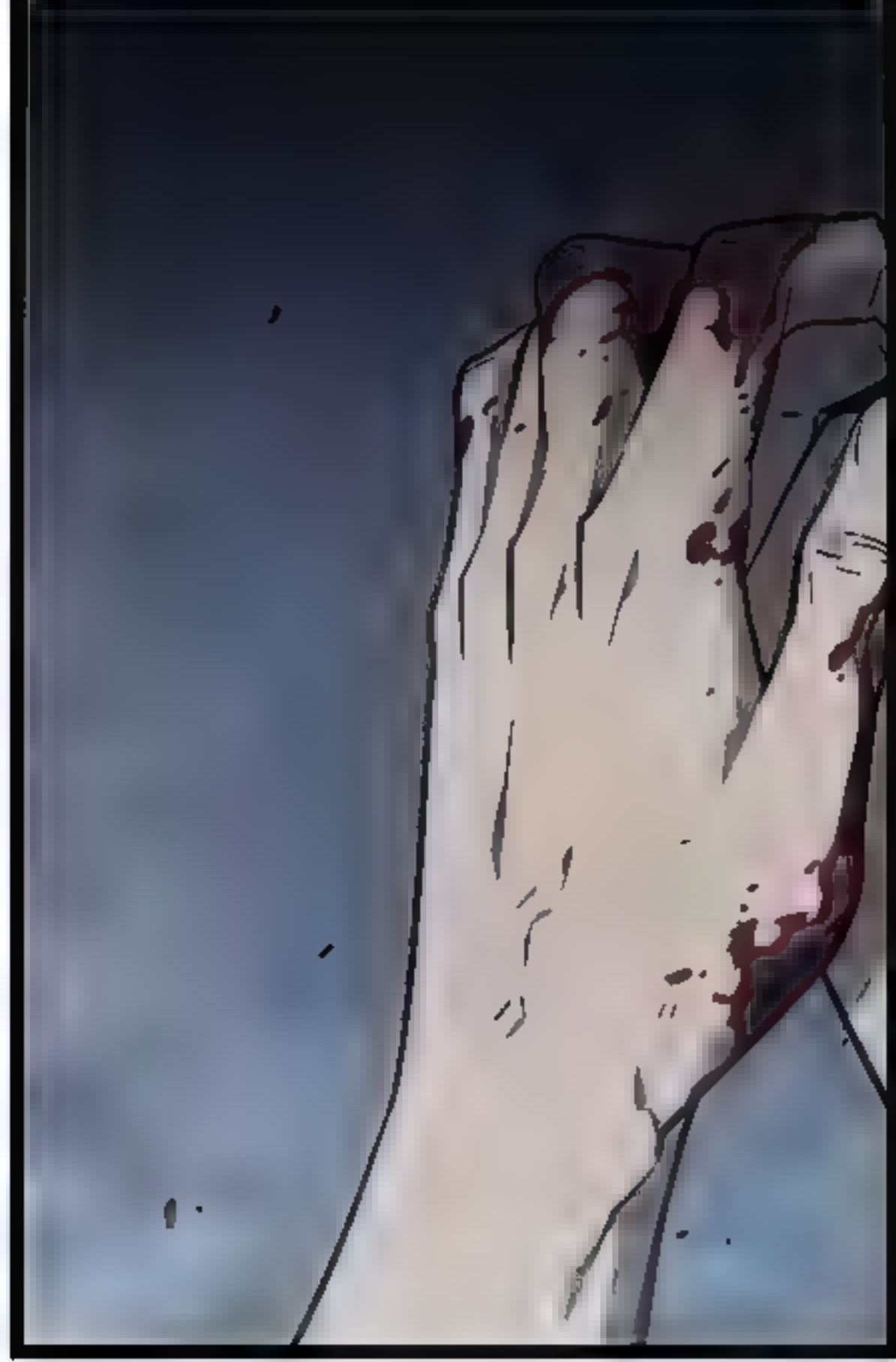
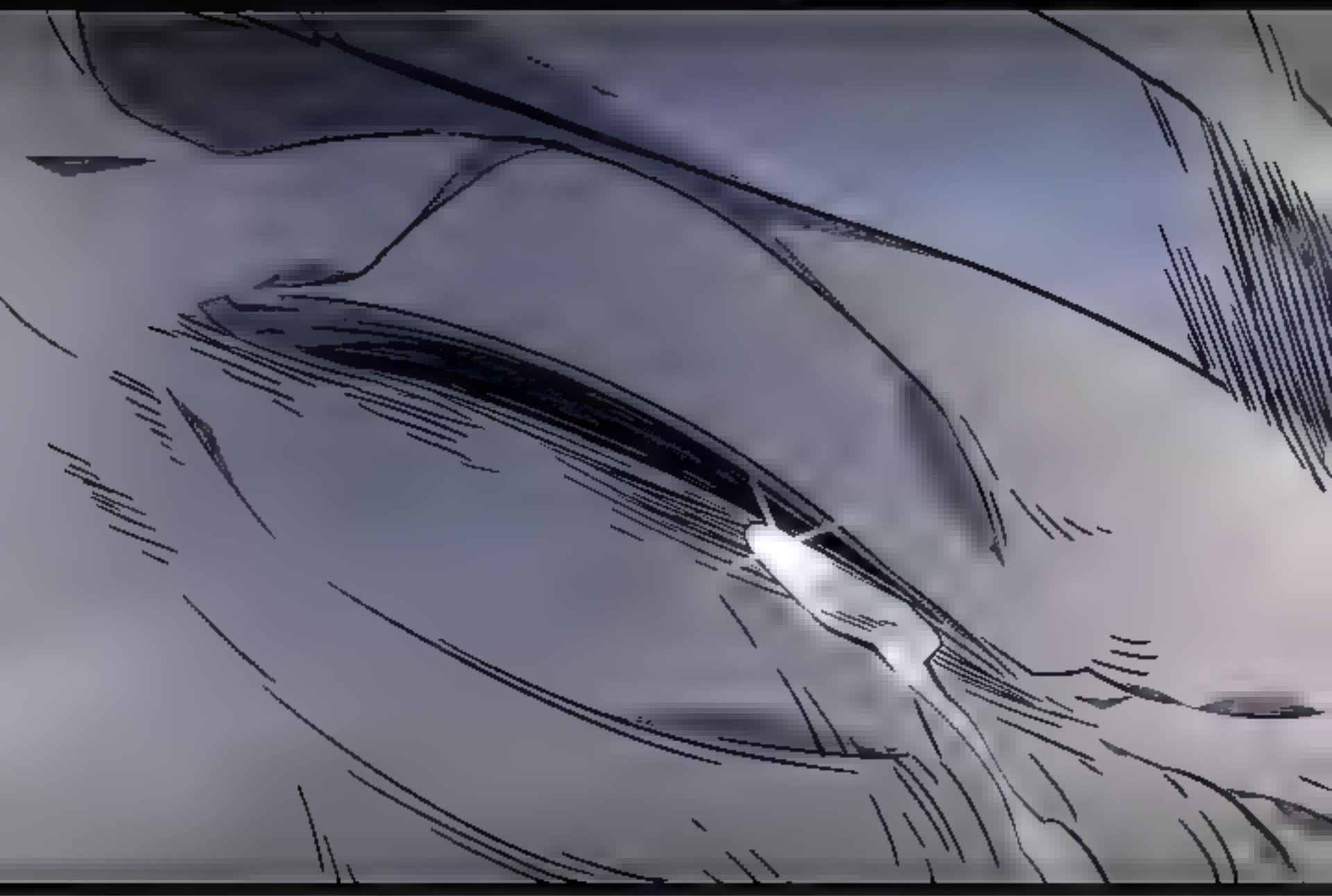


THAT'S RIGHT,
IT WAS TO MEET
YOU...

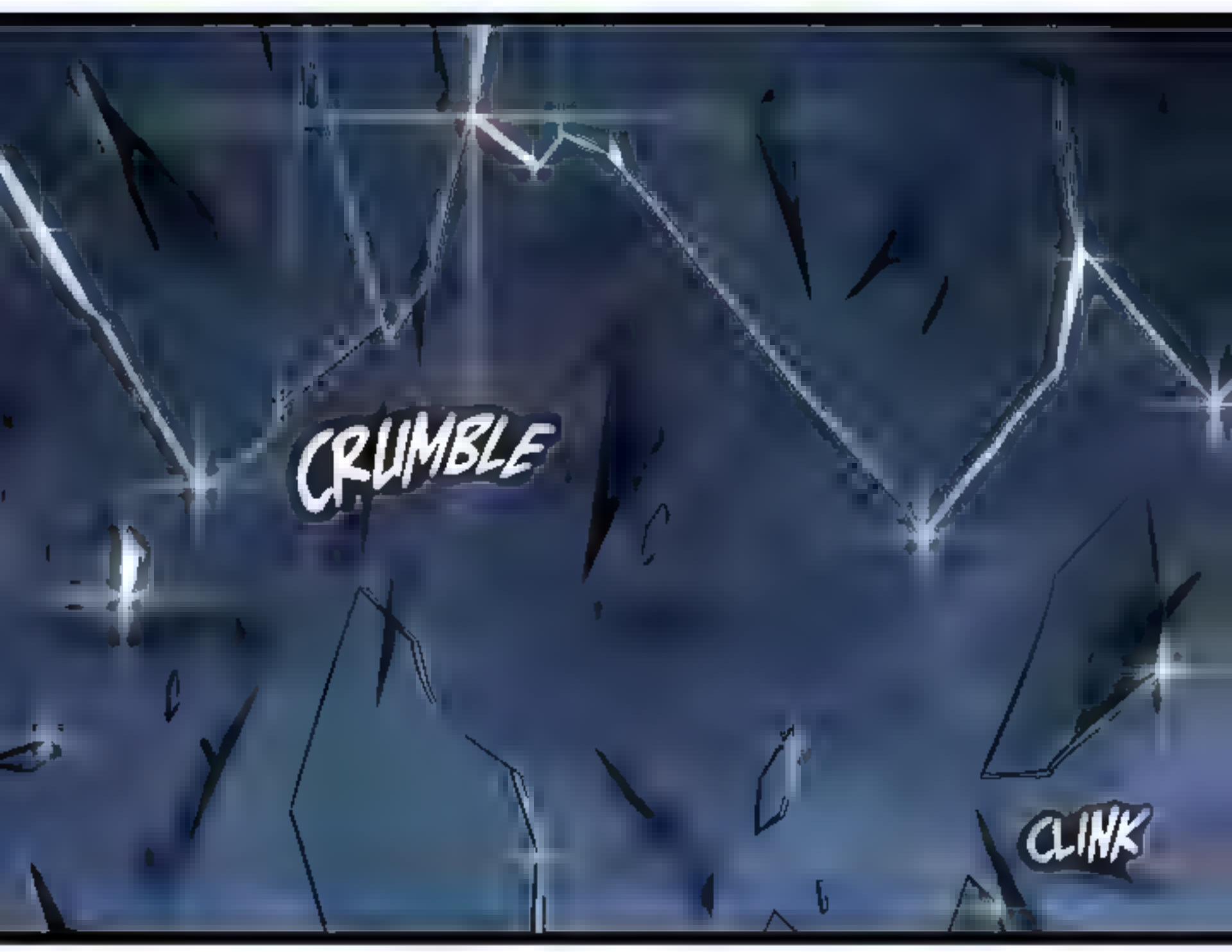


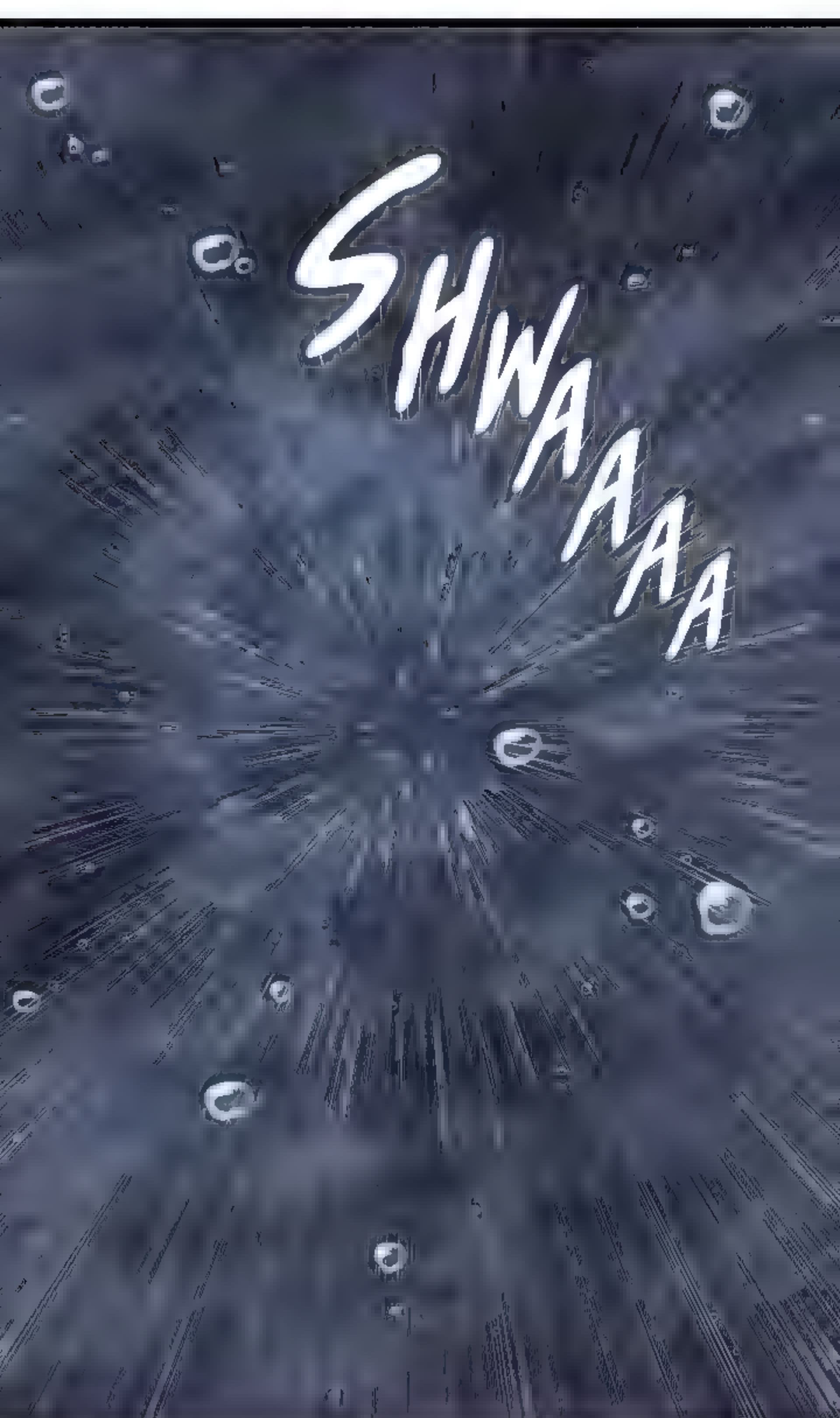
WHAT A RELIEF...

THANK YOU,
THANK YOU...











THE AUTUMN RAIN
FELL FOR DAYS,
ACCOMPANIED BY
COLD GUSTS OF
WIND...

...AS SEVERAL BREAKING
NEWS STORIES APPEARED
ON THE FRONT PAGES OF
NEWSPAPERS AROUND
THE WORLD.



BRAZIL'S GREAT
HUNTER, JONAS, HAD
BEEN FOUND DEAD
BY A RIVER,

THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE KOREAN HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN
BRUTALLY MURDERED
AFTER SUFFERING A
STAB WOUND TO HIS
CHEST...



...AND SUNG JINWOO
HAD RETURNED TO
KOREA.

CHRISTOPHER REED,

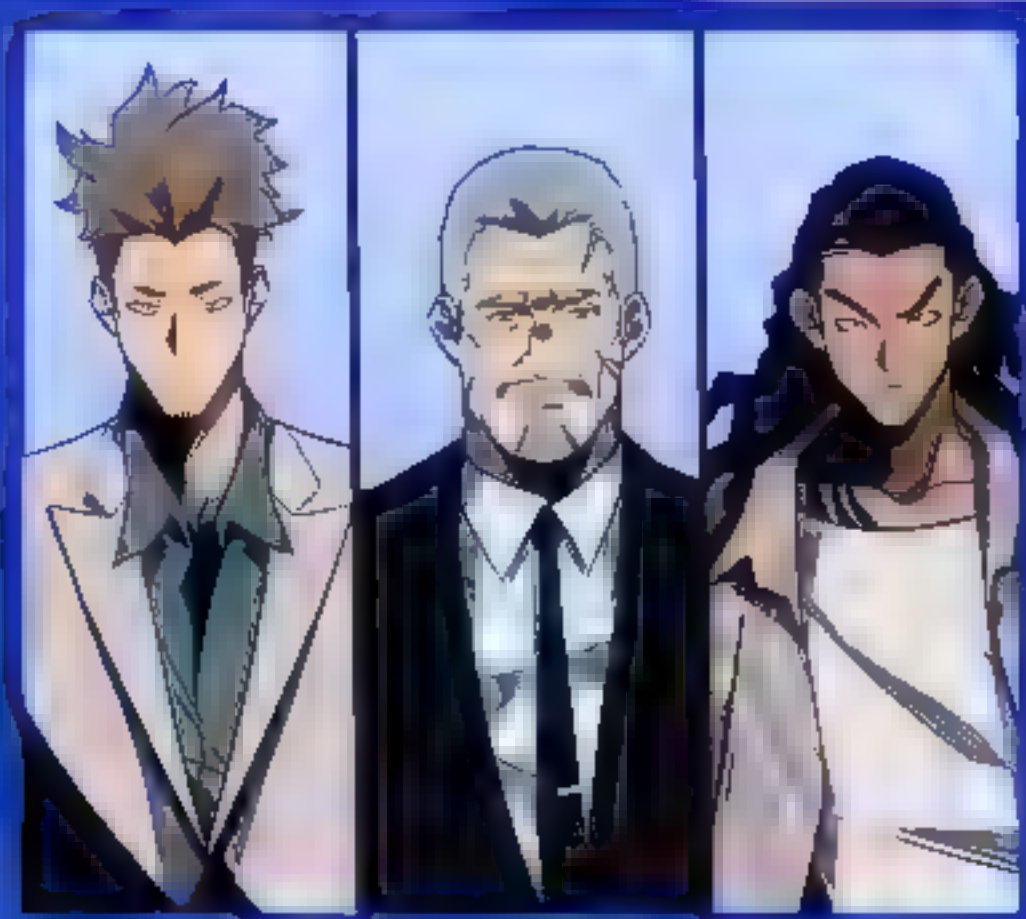
THE GREAT HUNTER,
JONAS,

AND NOW GO GUNHEE,
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
KOREAN HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION.

AFTER THE SUCCESSIVE DEATHS
OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S BEST
HUNTERS WERE REPORTED ON
THE NEWS, THE WORLD FELL
INTO A STATE OF PANIC.

MAJOR MEDIA OUTLETS
FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE
COVERED THE NEWS OF
THEIR DEATHS FOR DAYS
ON END...

...AND THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF
HUNTERS EVEN ISSUED A
STATEMENT REGARDING
THE EVENTS.



HUNTERS HAVE BEEN
PROTECTING CIVILIANS FOR
YEARS, BUT WHO WILL BE
ABLE TO PROTECT THE
HUNTERS?



THE DEATHS OF THE
WORLD'S GREATEST
HUNTERS...


...EVOKED A WHOLE
NEW LEVEL OF
TERROR.





ARE YOU OKAY,
MR. WOO?





AH...
MY APOLOGIES,
MR. SUNG.


I'VE BEEN A
LITTLE OUT OF IT
LATELY...

THE BEAST THAT
MURDERED THE
CHAIRMAN...

WAS IT REALLY
UNSTOPPABLE,
EVEN WITH YOUR
POWERS?

PITTER
PATTER

BY THE
TIME I GOT
THERE, HE WAS
ALREADY...



I STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.

A man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit and tie, is shown from the chest up. He is looking out of a window at a dark, rainy night. The rain is visible as vertical streaks outside the window. The interior is dimly lit, with some lights visible in the background.



JUST THE DAY
BEFORE,

A close-up of a man's face, looking slightly to the right. He has brown hair and is wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. He is looking out of a window at a dark, rainy night. The rain is visible as vertical streaks outside the window. The interior is dimly lit, with some lights visible in the background.

HE TOLD ME HE
WANTED TO HEAR
ALL ABOUT OUR
TRIP TO THE
STATES.

HE URGED ME TO
HURRY BACK, BUT
NOW HE'S...

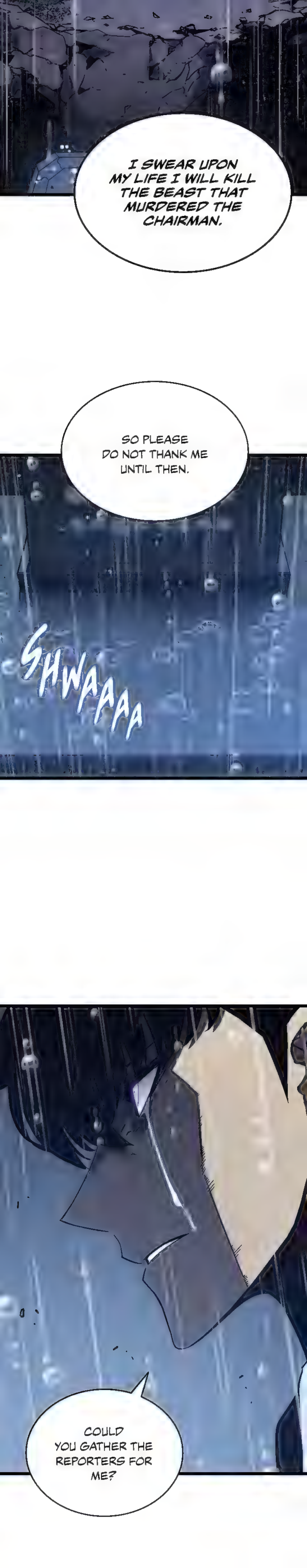


THANK YOU
FOR BEING WITH THE
CHAIRMAN IN HIS LAST
MOMENTS.

NO.




*I'M GOING
TO KILL THAT
BASTARD.*



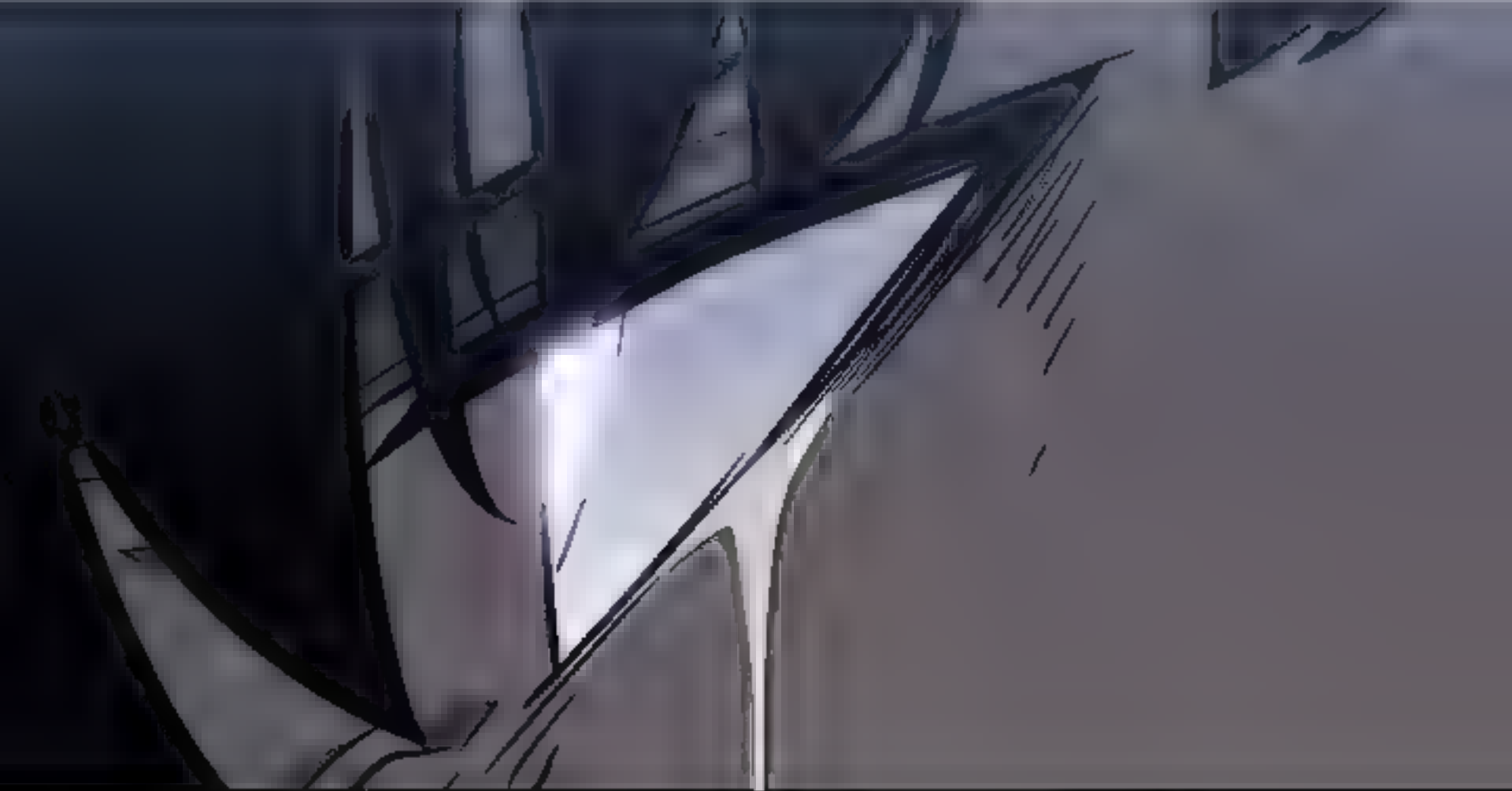
I SWEAR UPON
MY LIFE I WILL KILL
THE BEAST THAT
MURDERED THE
CHAIRMAN.

SO PLEASE
DO NOT THANK ME
UNTIL THEN.

SHWAAAA



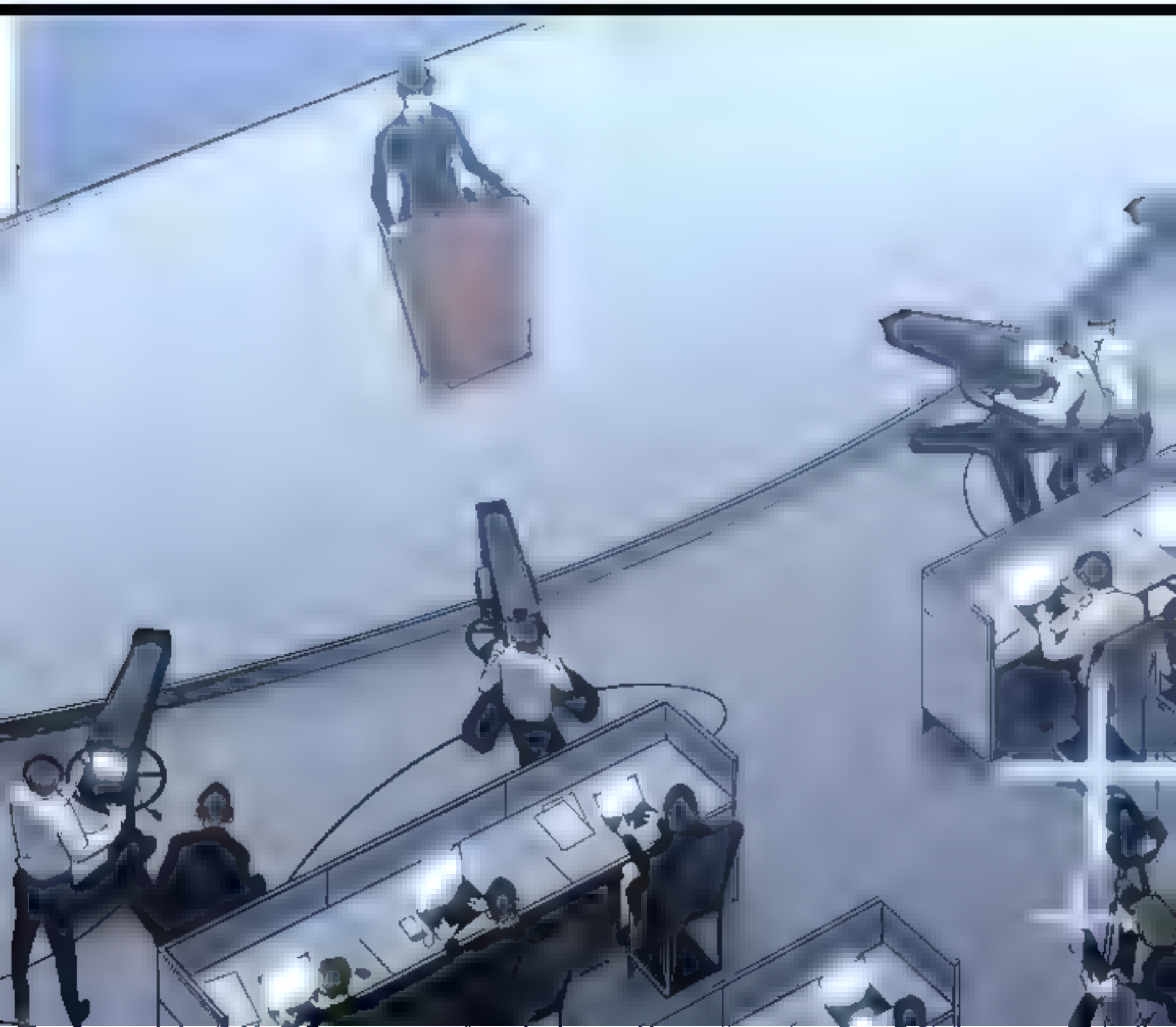
COULD
YOU GATHER THE
REPORTERS FOR
ME?



DESPITE
THE SOMBER MOOD
FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN
GO GUNHEE'S DEATH,



REPORTERS
FLOCKED TO THE PRESS
CONFERENCE.





A GROUP OF
BEASTS WITH HIGH
LEVELS OF INTELLIGENCE
ARE TARGETING THE
WORLD'S TOP-TIER
HUNTERS.



THEY'RE STRONGER
THAN ANY HUNTER OUT
THERE, AND WILL USE ANY
MEANS TO ACHIEVE
THEIR GOALS.

YOU SAID A
"GROUP" OF
BEASTS...



DOES THAT MEAN
THE BEAST THAT KILLED
CHAIRMAN GO GUNHEE
WASN'T WORKING
ALONE?

THESE BEASTS
USE MAGIC TO ISOLATE
THEIR TARGET BEFORE
ATTACKING.

SO FOR THOSE WHO
THINK THEY MIGHT BE A
POTENTIAL TARGET,

PLEASE STAY WITH
COLLEAGUES WHO CAN
PROTECT YOU.

I, THE MONARCH
OF FROST, WILL RETREAT
FOR NOW AND WAIT FOR
THE DAY YOUR SHADOW
OPENS UP ONCE
MORE.

HE CALLED
HIMSELF THE
MONARCH OF
FROST.



LIKE THE MONARCH OF
THE BEGINNING AND THE
MONARCH OF SHADOWS...
HE ALSO CARRIES THE
TITLE OF "MONARCH."

SO OF COURSE NOT
EVEN THE STRONGEST
HUNTERS IN THE WORLD
COULD WIN AGAINST
HIM.



BUT FOR
THOSE...

...WHO
DON'T HAVE SUCH
COLLEAGUES,

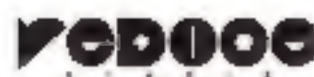
**PLEASE CONTACT
ME THROUGH THE
KOREAN HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION.**



***THE BATTLE OF THE
MONARCHS BEGINS.***

To Be Continued...

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